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 FOR: CONTINUOUSLY ADJUSTABLE GEAR

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
35 USC 371

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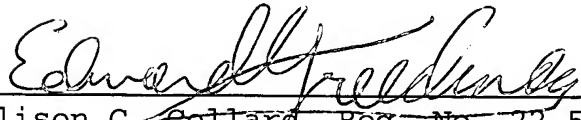
Sir:

With reference to the attached Notification of Missing Requirements dated March 16, 2006, applicants are submitting herewith a **COPY** of a Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney. The **original** Declaration was filed on February 15, 2006. A copy of the official postcard receipt bearing a date of **Feb. 15, 2006** stamped by the PTO is attached. A copy of our transmittal letter, i.e. SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION, and a copy of the original declaration are also attached.

It is respectfully requested that this application be accorded a filing date of February 15, 2006, and that the Request for the missing declaration be withdrawn. No official late fee is believed to be due, however, if there should be such a fee, please charge deposit account 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/06/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 07/06/2005
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- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/06/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/06/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/06/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/06/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 07/06/2005
- Specification filed on 07/06/2005
- Claims filed on 07/06/2005
- Abstracts filed on 07/06/2005
- Drawings filed on 07/06/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions

of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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Submitted herewith is the duly executed DECLARATION and POWER OF ATTORNEY, along with a check in the amount of \$65.00, to cover the surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration for a Small Entity.

Any fee deficiencies may be charged to deposit account 03-2468.

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